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REMARKS

The Final Office Action mailed February 8, 2005, has been carefully reviewed and Applicants note with appreciation the identification of allowed subject matter.

By this Amendment, claims 1-14 have been canceled. Claims 15 and 16 are pending and are each independent.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 7 and 9-13 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,692,567 to Crum, and rejected claims 7-11 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,093,187 to Robinson. Claims 6 and 14 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 15 and 16 are allowed.

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-14. While Applicant appreciates the identification of allowable subject matter in claims 6 and 14, claims 15 and 16 already correspond with claims 6 and 14 written in independent form and were so presented in Applicant's previous Amendment.

All outstanding issues having been resolved and the remaining claims being allowed, the foregoing Amendment places the application in condition for allowance and is therefore proper

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after Final Action. Entry thereof and allowance of the application are requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the present application can receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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